



Norfolk Police Department



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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The Norfolk Police Department has confirmed the existence of individuals soliciting door to door within our Neighborhoods. These individuals claim to be employees of a Vacuum sales company or may be offering the services of cleaning carpet within the residence.

Area Affected: All Neighborhoods

Primary Target: Residential structures

Description: An individual makes contact with a resident and claims to be with a Vacuum sales company. The individual has been known to possess a type of identification that at first glance appears to be legitimate. If the resident declines to allow the individual into their home, he/she may offer a free gift (i.e. a pack of toilet paper, case of can drinks).

On many occasions these individuals have gained access to a homeowner's property and shortly thereafter, the homeowner has experienced a **BURGLARY** to their residence.

It is important that all residents be aware that any individual who is soliciting within the City of Norfolk must obtain a permit prior to any soliciting taking place. If the permit has been acquired, it is to be with the individual at all times. Any individual who cannot produce such a permit should be immediately reported to the Norfolk Police Department at (757) 441-5610.

Citizens may access current crime data on the internet at http://norfolk.gov/police/crime_view.asp

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